

Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Council Meeting  
Thursday January 8, 2015  
10:00 AM

Springfield  
130 W. Mason Street  
Room 104  
Springfield, IL 62702

Chicago  
100 W. Randolph  
Room 9-036  
Chicago, IL 60601

and  
Via Conference Call  
(888) 494-4032

Members Present

Bill Bogdan, Chairperson (Chicago)  
Bonnie Dohogne (Chicago)  
Melanie Fleenor (Springfield)  
Susan Fonfa (Springfield)  
Deb Goodman (Springfield)  
Brad Guidi (Springfield)  
Trevor Halfacre (Springfield)  
JJ Hanley (Chicago)  
Cheryl Jansen (via phone)  
Mary Mayes (Springfield)  
Jose Mendez (Chicago)  
Jose Ovalle (Chicago)  
Barbara Pritchard (Springfield)  
Mary Kay Rizzolo (Chicago)  
Carole Rosen (Chicago)  
Vincent Smith (via phone)  
Mary Spriggs-Ploessl (Springfield)  
Randy Staton (Springfield)  
Julie Stover (via phone)  
Michael Wonderlich (Chicago)

Staff Present

Sheila Romano, Director (Chicago)  
Val Elzy (Chicago)  
Margie Harkness (Chicago)  
Janinna Hendricks (Springfield)  
Sandy Ryan (Chicago)

Members Absent

Diana Braun  
Glendean Burton  
Cathy Christensen  
Brian Dixon  
Abbey Heins  
Mario Johnson  
Marc Staley  
Jeff Stauter  
Dan Winters

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**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order**

The Council meeting with the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities was held on January 8, 2015. Bill Bogdan, Chairperson presiding and Sheila Romano, Director present.

Chairperson Bogdan called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM and roll call was conducted for Council members and staff.

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**AGENDA ITEM: 1<sup>st</sup> Consent Agenda**

Motion: Approve the November 6, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes.  
Accept September 10, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

Made By: Vincent Smith

Second: Randy Staton

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

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**AGENDA ITEM: Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Bogdan reported on the 2015 Committee Assignments. Merlin Lehman agreed to serve as a Committee member for the Community Inclusion and Housing Committee. The Chairperson also thanked the members who agreed to serve as the Chairs - Community Inclusion and Housing Committee, Mary Kay Rizzolo; Education and Employment Committee, Bonnie Dohogne and Self Determination and Health Committee, Julie Stover.

The Director's annual evaluation form for 2015 is in the Council packet. Forms must be completed and returned by February 5, 2015. The Executive Committee will review the results of the evaluation at the March 2015 Executive Committee meeting. It was noted that the wording and numeric rating on the Director's evaluation form are incorrect. Members should use numeric rating and disregard corresponding narrative. The evaluation form will be revised for 2016.

The Chairperson reported that the consensus from the Executive Committee is to continue funding Consumer Stipends. Council members interested in serving on the Consumer Stipend development team will need to contact Chairperson Bogdan or Jennifer Harrison.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Director's Report**

Janinna Hendricks reviewed the Financial Report. Federal Fiscal Year Funds for 2012 have been spent and staff will continue to monitor expenditure of Council funds.

Director Romano reported on Speak Up and Speak Out (SUSO) as the Investment update. Bonnie Dohogne elaborated on the impact that SUSO has had on her son.

Margie Harkness reported on the Employment First Executive Order. The Employment First Executive Order Strategic Plan Report was completed on December 29, 2014. The Employment First work groups will continue to meet in order to complete a more detailed Employment First Executive Order Strategic Plan, which is scheduled to be completed in six months.

The Council will be working on educating the new administration on the role of the Council.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will be held this year. The Director is involved with the Chicago Community Trust planning of upcoming celebrations.

The Going Home Campaign will hold an Advocacy Day on March 25, 2015 in Springfield at the Illinois State Capitol Building. Staff will provide more information as it becomes available.

Director Romano reported that staff successfully completed several of the Council's year end reports that must be submitted to the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD).

The Investment Chart was discussed. After discussion, Director Romano stated that staff will review the chart with the suggestions in mind.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Funding Decision**

Bonnie Dohogne presented the funding recommendation for the direct grant "Training System to Support the Award of Excellence in Inclusion of Children with Special Needs".

Discussion ensued and a recommendation was made to change the wording in the proposal from "Special Needs" to "Developmental Delay".

Motion: Make an investment of \$54,925 for a 1 year project with School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) for training material development on a child care provider self assessment process geared to inclusion and training trainers within the 6 Starnet offices (one is at SASED) to establish ongoing capacity.

Made By: Bonnie Dohogne

Second: Deb Goodman

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

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**AGENDA ITEM: Release of Call for Investment (CFI)**

Mary Kay Rizzolo presented the "Life Like Any Other" Call for Investment (CFI). The proposal listed the wrong date for the Information Workshop. The date of the Information Workshop was listed incorrectly in the proposal. The correct date for the Information Workshop is February 11, 2015.

Motion: Release the "Life Like Any Other" CFI

Made By: Mary Kay Rizzolo

Second: Deb Goodman

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

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**AGENDA ITEM: Conflict of Interest Policy**

Janinna Hendricks reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy. Council members and staff should read the Conflict of Interest Policy and return the completed form to Val Elzy.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Old Business**

None to report.

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**AGENDA ITEM: New Business**

None to report.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Committee Reports**

None to report.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Agency Reports**

Mary Spriggs-Ploessl reported for DHS – Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). DDD's Money Follows the Persons goal for the calendar year 2014 was to move 115 individuals from an institutional setting into the community. DDD achieved a goal of 108 for the 2014 calendar year as well as they have already met their Ligas benchmarks for 2015. The Life Choices project continues to move forward with the work teams submitting recommendations for systems change.

Susan Fonfa reported for Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). HFS continues to work on the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP). The BIP program continues to focus on the Universal Assessment Tool as they recently found a provider to begin development of the tool.

Michael Wonderlich reported for the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). DCFS has a new foster care transition program that focuses on the youth with dual diagnosis and support for their families. Mr. Wonderlich also reported that DCFS is in the process of reconciling two different lists to assist in adequately providing services for transition living. The DCFS director is leaving and a new director will be announced soon.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Announcements**

Brad Guidi gave an update on Camp Big Sky and their Life Skills program. The capital campaign for the Life Skill program has begun and they are half way to their goal. They expect to break ground by the Fall of 2015 and expect to open the new expansion program Spring 2016.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn**

Motion: Motion to adjourn at 11:55 AM.

Made by: Randy Staton

Second: Deb Goodman

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

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